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SUBJECT: WORKING GROUP ON SCIENCE AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, SUB-
GROUP III: REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF USG POLICY

REF: BRASILIA 6305

1. DURING AUGUST 21 MORNING SESSION SUBJECT MEETING, BRAZILIAN
DELEGATION TABLED FOLLOWING STATEMENT AS REPORTED REFTEL PARA 5.
AFTER SHORT DEBATE, STATEMENT WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY LA
MEMBERS OF SUBGROUP. US DELEGATION WOULD APPRECIATE FORMAL REPLY
TO EACH OF THREE QUESTIONS FOR INCORPORATION INTO RECORD OF MEETING.

2. QUOTE: THE LATIN-AMERICAN DELEGATIONS TO SUBGROUP III CON-
SIDER THAT THE RESULTS OF THE WORK CARRIED OUT DURING THE FIRST
MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP CHARGED WITH STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY
OF CREATING A COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY
(BRASILIA, JUNE 24-28, 1974) WERE QUITE ENCOURAGING IN REGARD
TO THE SUBJECT IT IS NOW DEALING WITH - TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY.

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THE MOST RELEVANT POINTS OF THE GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS (DOC.

4/REV. 2, 992, 3C), 5), THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF SUBGROUP III (DOC. 7/REV. 1) APPROVED BY THE US DELEGATION AS WELL AS THE SEVERAL INTERVENTIONS MADE BY ITS CHAIRMAN, LED US TO BELIEVE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE USA WAS WILLING TO UNDERTAKE THE NECESSARY INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL MEASURES TO ASSURE THE HEALTHY FLOW OF TECHNOLOGY TOWARDS LATIN AMERICA.

3. NEVERTHELESS, THE ATTITUDE ADOPTED BY SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVES OF USA IN OTHER FORUMS HAS CAUSED APPREHENSION AMONG THE LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATIONS SINCE THEN. THE ATTITUDE OF THE US DELEGATION DURING THE III SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL GROUP OF THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY OF THE BOARD OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNCTAD, HELD IN GENEVA BETWEEN JULY AND AUGUST 1974, PROVED TO BE EXTREMELY PAROCHIAL, ESPECIALLY IN WHAT CONCERNS THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF PATENTS (RESOLUTION 2 (III)) AND THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN THE SPHERE OF THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY (RESOLUTION 3 (III)).

4. IN SUCH CONDITIONS, THE LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATIONS TO THE SUBGROUP III CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO ASK THE US DELEGATION TO TRANSMIT THEIR APPREHENSION TO WASHINGTON AND REQUEST AN ANSWER TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

(1) WHETHER THE PROBLEM REPRESENTED BY THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES IS SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENT FROM THE PROBLEM OF THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN GENERAL:

(2) WHETHER THERE WAS ANY HARDENING OF THE POSITION OF THE US GOVERNMENT IN RESPECT TO THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND ALSO WHETHER THE OVERTURES MADE DURING THE MEETING HELD IN BRASILIA IN JUNE 1974 STILL SERVE AS A BASIS FOR THE WORKS OF THE SUBGROUP:

(3) WHETHER THE STIFFENING OF ATTITUDE OBSERVED IN OTHER FORUMS REPRESENTS ONLY A RESIDUAL POSITION THAT WILL TEND TO DISAPPEAR WITH A BETTER DISSEMINATION OF THE OPEN ATTITUDE ANNOUNCED IN BRASILIA AMONG THE VARIOUS LEVELS OF AUTHORITIES IN THE US. END QUOTE.
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